## State of Montana Office of the Governor





Executive Order No. 15-98

## EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST IN THE STATE OF MONTANA

WHEREAS, extremely dry conditions, near record high temperatures, and high winds have combined to create hazardous fire conditions throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, wildland fires are currently burning and have created an imminent threat of a disaster which timely actions can avert or minimize; and

WHEREAS, these conditions authorize the Governor to mobilize state resources and the Montana National Guard to protect life, health and property and authorize the Governor, under section 10-3-311, MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies and needs arising from the emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under the Constitution of the State of Montana, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby declare that an emergency exists in the State of Montana.

This Order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 2nd day of September, 1998.

MARC RACICOT, Governor

ATTEST:

MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State